

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a travesty of an informed democratic process. It would be more honest simply broadcast to the statement "Sinclair Broadcasting wants you to vote For George W. Bush" on their screens during those two hours.

Doing so, of course, would reveal the motives they wish to hide. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. I urge you to contact Sinclair and inform them that renewing their license will not be so easy if they continue to put partisan interests before responsible stewardship of the media.

Thank you.